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SUBJ: DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE ON 3 ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

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SUMMARY: AS OF MORNING JULY 2, RULING AND OPPOSITION PARTIES HAD COME TO ROUGH AGREEMENT ON WORKING OF RESOLUTIONS COVERING OPPOSITION TO TROOP WITHDRAWAL AND CALL FOR U.S. TO TAKE ACTION TO CONTROL ANTI-ROK ACTIVITIES IN U.S. BUT WERE CONTINUING TO NEGOTIATE ON RECOMMENDATION ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUES. IF LATTER WORDING CAN BE AGREED IT WILL BE INDICATION THAT MEANINGFUL POLITICAL BARGAINING IS RETURNING TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. END SUMMARY

1. ON JULY 2, PRESS CARRIED PROPOSED TEXT OF TWO PART NATIONAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION CONCERNING U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL. FOLLOWING LENGTHY PREAMBLE, TEXT OF FIRST PART OF RESOLUTION RECOUNTS HISTORICALLY POSITIVE ROLE OF U.S. IN PRESERVING PEACE IN KOREA, EAST ASIA AND WORLD AND THEN STATES, "WE OPPOSE UNILATERAL PULLOUT OF AMERICAN GROUND
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FORCE FROM KOREA, WHICH MAY INVITE GRAVE DANGER TO PEACE AT TIME WHEN TENSION IS EVER-GROWING ON PENINSULA." SECOND PART OF SAME RESOLUTION SAYS, "BECAUSE OF POLICY MISTAKES BY FRIENDLY ALLIES IN PAST," KOREA SUFFERED TERRITORIAL DIVISION AND WAR, AND FURTHER NOTES "FAILURE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITMENT EVIDENCED BY TRAGIC FALL OF INDOCHINESE PENINSULA." RESOLUTION CONCLUDES "WE STRONGLY

DEMAND THAT GRADUAL WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. GROUND TROOPS FROM KOREA BE PRECEDED BY AN EPOCH MAKING STRENGTHENING OF WAR CAPABILITY OF KOREAN ARMED FORCES PLUS INTERNATIONAL, DIPLOMATIC, AND MILITARY COMPENSATORY MEASURES AND FULL PEACE GUARANTEES."

2. TEXTS HAVE NOT YET BEEN RELEASED ON TWO OTHER RESOLUTION/RECOMMENDATIONS AND MEETINGS ARE CONTINUING. SOURCES CLOSE TO INTERPARTY NEGOTIATIONS, HOWEVER, CLAIM ROUGH AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED AS FOLLOWS:

3. ON MYONGDONG AND KOREAN INTERNAL MEASURES, RECOMMENDATION TO GOVERNMENT WILL SAY SOMETHING TO EFFECT THAT "FOR SAKE OF NATIONAL CONCESUS, ROKG IS URGED TO CONSIDER REPEAL OF EMERGENCY MEASURES AND TO GIVE LENIENT CONSIDERATION TO VIOLATORS OF THESE MEASURES."

4. ON SUBJECT OF ALLEGED "ANTI-KOREAN ACTIVITIES IN U.S.," RESOLUTION IS EXPECTED TO ENCOURAGE ROKG TO PUT MORE EFFORT INTO DIALOGUE WITH U.S. TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TRADITIONAL ALLIES ETC. NDP SOURCE INDICATED FOLLOWING LANGUAGE UNDER CONSIDERATION: "THE INTENTIONALLY MALICIOUS ANTI-STATE ACTIVITIES OF SOME U.S. JOURNALISTS AND CONGRESSMEN, GIVE THE IMPRESSION THE U.S. IS INTERFERING IN KOREAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS. U.S. GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES CONCERNED ARE THEREFORE URGED TO TAKE SELF-REGULATING ACTION TO PUT A CONFIDENTIAL

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STOP TO SUCH ANTI-KOREAN ACTIVITY."

5. NDP SOURCES CLAIM THAT GOVERNMENT HAS CONTINUALLY PRESSED FOR TOUGHENING OF "ANTI-KOREAN ACTIVITY" TEXT AND NDP, PREDICTABLY, FOR STRONG RECOMMENDATION ON DOMESTIC POLICIES.

6. COMMENT: CHANCES ARE THAT PARTIES WILL FIND MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY WORKING ALTHOUGH POSSIBILITY THAT DEADLOCK MAY ARISE AND EFFORT TO ISSUE JOINT RESOLUTIONS MAY FAIL CANNOT BE EXCLUDED. STRUGGLE OVER WORDING IS AN INDICATION THAT RESURRECTION OF MEANINGFUL POLITICAL BARGAINING IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY IS MORE THAN THEATER FOR PUBLIC CONSUMPTION. RESOLUTIONS ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL OR ON CONTROL OF ANTI-ROK ACTIVITIES IN U.S., ARE OF COURSE NOT HELPFUL, BUT UNAVOIDABLE IN PRESENT ATMOSHPERE AND PRICE PAID FOR MOVEMENT ON POLITICAL PRISONERS, WHICH WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT STEP IN RIGHT DIRECTION.
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